



Helping local governments meet requirements for stormwater education & public involvement

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Announcements

Environmental Education Assistant Hired to Help with CWSEC

Megan Brown began working as a part-time Environmental Education Assistant at Coastal Carolina University on November 14th. Megan will assist with Consortium tasks such as developing and presenting stormwater and watershed education programs; leading field workshops/trips; and planning and implementation of various workshops, meetings and other Consortium related activities. Please feel free to contact Megan by [email](#) or 843-349-4023.

New Stormwater Pond Website

In response to an increasing number of requests from citizens looking for solutions to their stormwater pond issues, Clemson University Extension has launched a stormwater pond management website to help communities manage their stormwater ponds. It can be found at http://www.clemson.edu/extension/natural_resources/water/stormwater_ponds/index.html. Contact [Ben Powell](#) if you have any specific questions related to the website.

EPA Requests Proposals for Urban Waters Small Grants

The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities such as public health, social and economic opportunities, general livability and environmental justice for residents. Examples of projects eligible for funding include: education and training for water quality improvement or Green infrastructure jobs; public education about ways to reduce water pollution; local water quality monitoring programs; engaging diverse stakeholders to develop local watershed plans; and innovative projects that promote local water quality and community revitalization goals. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding> to learn more.

Resources

Clemson's Carolina Clear Adds FOG Management to Website

Please visit the new addition to the Carolina Clear website, targeting restaurant owners by defining proper FOG (fat, oil, grease) management. This page (http://www.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/what_you_can_do/rest_owner.html) outlines the pilot program conducted by Rachel Guttman, a Carolina Clear intern, educating restaurant owners and staff on the importance of ensuring that grease is properly contained and disposed of to prevent resulting water pollution.

Future Opportunities

March 3rd, 8 am – 4 pm, Grand Strand Stormwater Pond Conference, Springmaid Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach

The main purpose of the 2012 Stormwater Pond Conference is to inform homeowners associations and community managers about the most sustainable and cost-effective ways of managing stormwater ponds while also providing them information to solve pond maintenance challenges in their communities. Presentations and vendor exhibits will be occurring throughout the day. More information and registration information will be included in future E-News. You can also contact Carolina Clear Extension Agent [Chris Ramaglia](#) to learn more.

March 5-6, Bioretention Summit, Charlotte, NC

This training will deliver the most up-to-date research-based information that will lead to perhaps dramatic improvements in how bioretention cells are credited by regulators, designed by engineers and landscape architects, and built and maintained by contractors and maintenance personnel. Course instructors include the following: Dr. Bill Hunt, NC State University, Dr. Robert Traver, Villanova University, Dr. Allen Davis, University of Maryland-College Park, and Brad Wardynski, NC State University. For more information and to register online, please visit the website at http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/stormwater/training/bioretention_summit.html.